



History of the Main Library

2013 -

2014: The renovation of the east wing of the former "Strickhofgebäude" is complete. On April 28, 2014, the Main Library opens the Study Center with considerably extended opening hours and additional study areas. At the same time, the new website optimizes the placement of library offers. Finally, the locations of the Main Library receive new designations.

2014

New designations:

old	new
Research Library Irchel	Main Library – Science
Study Library Irchel	Main Library – Study Center
Medical Library Careum	Main Library – Medicine Careum

2013

At Easter the integration of the IDS UZH library catalogue into the NEBIS library network of the ETH (Project INUIT) was successfully carried out. The Main Library has since been working responsibly in the committees of the NEBIS library network and manages the Hub UZH for the libraries of the university and other partners. The building project "Instandsetzung und Einrichtung Lernzentrum" (the former Strickhof) was continued and the project "Überdachung Studierhof" started on the Careum campus. In addition, work on the project "Zusammenarbeit Bibliotheken" (Main Library, Zentralbibliothek, institute libraries of the University of Zurich) and on the EU project "OpenAIREplus" continued.

September:

Integration of the library of the Institute of Mathematics into the Main Library, Research Library

November:

Beginning of the building project to roof over the Studierhof.

2005 - 2012

In 2006 the Main Library of the University of Zurich (HBZ) takes over additional university-wide duties, the newly-established Coordination Open Access group sets up the ZORA document and publication server. The reorganization of the HBZ concentrates the holdings of the libraries on the Irchel campus into the centrally-located Main Library, Research Library Irchel. From 2012, conversion of the HBZ, Study Library Irchel to the Study Center takes place.

2012

Reorganization of the HBZ II: The Research Library Irchel and the Study Library Irchel are reorganized in summer 2012 in terms of their holdings and services. The holdings that can be borrowed and therefore circulation services are relocated to the Research Library Irchel, that at the same time extends its opening hours to Monday to Friday "8 to 8" from August 2012. The number of study areas in the Research Library Irchel is increased to 200. The Study Library Irchel is to be converted into a Study Center and expanded, resulting in a total of 420 study areas (beginning of building work January 2013, re-opening in spring 2014)



The University of Zurich and the Zentralbibliothek Zürich approve the project Zusammenarbeit Universitätsbibliotheken (ZUBI), which has as its aim, the creation of an overall library concept for all participating libraries (May/June)

The HBZ department Coordination Open Access receives its third post with a focus on IT requirements, the Institute of Forensic Medicine transfers 0,1 posts to the HBZ and the committee for information literacy is strengthened with 1 additional post through the conversion of existing HBZ resources: HBZ organizational table: 31,00 posts (36 staff and 7 students as evening supervisors, including all temporary appointments the HBZ employs 54 people)

Change in the HBZ management end 2012: Heinz Dickenmann hands over to his successor, Wilfried Lochbühler, after 24 years.

2011

Reorganization of the HBZ I: The Research Library Irchel and the Study Library Irchel are integrated under a single management, the Committee on E-Media and the Coordination Open Access are now managed as separate HBZ departments

The large-scale project Integration Bibliothekssystem Universität Zürich (INUIT) with the aim of merging the two Aleph catalogues in the university arena in Zurich (ETH/ZB and UZH), is started (June)

The Coordination Open Access group is involved in the EU project "OpenAIREplus", which supports Open Access for publications and research data resulting from EU-funded research (December)

The e-lib.ch project "Information Literacy at Swiss Universities" is concluded at the end of the year after a three-year duration.

2010

Relaunch of the HBZ website in March and alignment with the UZH's new corporate design in November, 30 years HBZ (15 years FBI - 54 years USZB/MBC)

2009

ZORA (Zurich Open Repository and Archive), the document server of the University of Zurich which records all scientific publications of the UZH. The central editorial office of ZORA is provided with a position, HBZ organisational table: 28,90 posts

2008

The modular exams at the end of the semester intensify the pressure of studying on students: the HBZ reacts by extending its opening hours before examination dates for two months in the Autumn Semester (December/January) and in the Spring Semester (May/June), the Study Library Irchel remains open on Saturdays for the first time, the same as the Medical Library Careum, opening hours now 73 hours/week.

The HBZ is evaluated within the framework of the program of regular evaluation at the UZH, an international team of experts visits the HBZ and gives a report-back.

The Childrens' Hospital Zurich (KISPI) transfers the 0,5 post library staff position of the KISPI Hospital to the Medical Library Careum of the HBZ, HBZ organisational plan: 27,90 posts.

2007

Allocation of the HBZ to the Academic Services Division with the Prorektorat Law- and Business Sciences within the framework of the new university management structure 2007, new Head from July 2007: Prorektor Law- and Business Sciences



The Medical Library Careum of the HBZ extends its opening hours on Saturdays until 16:00, opening hours now 68 hours/week

The HBZ takes over the administration of the post of the IDS Network Coordinator, which is financed by members of the IDS Network (Informationsverbund Deutschschweiz), HBZ organisational plan again 27,40 posts

2006

Open Access project – establishment of a document- and publication server for the University of Zurich, new post Scientific Coordinator Open Access, HBZ organisation plan: 27,40 posts, simultaneous reduction of a post within the framework of the planned measures for budget equilibrium 2006, HBZ organisation plan: 26,40 posts

2005

Launch of the new Intranet in the information network of the University of Zurich: URSI (UZH Retrieval Systems Information), with network celebration (25 Years HBZ)

2001 - 2004

Incorporation of the University Hospital (USZ) Library (established 1956) into the HBI (Resolution of the management of the USZ and the University of June 2003) and renaming of the HBI to Main Library University of Zurich (HBZ).

18.10.2004

Opening of the Medical Library Careum (MBC), (former University Hospital Library) as a branch library of the Main Library University of Zurich (HBZ). Renaming of the Research Division into Research Library Irchel (FBI) and the Teaching Division into the Study Library Irchel (SBI)
Launch of the new HBZ website and the Search portal for the University of Zurich.

2004

Incorporation of the University Hospital (USZ) Library (established 1956) into the HBI (Resolution of the management of the USZ and the University of June 2003) and renaming of the HBI to Main Library University of Zurich (HBZ). New management structure with a steering committee and library commission: specialist management reallocated to the Prorektor Research (UL 22.1.2004)
9,8 USZB posts and 1 additional post for new services for nursing education, HBZ organisation table: 26,40 posts

2003

New post e-media technician, expansion of the network coordination to support of IT and reorganisation: new division IT/Network, in addition new evening supervision with 0,30 posts, HBI organisation table; 15,60 posts

2002

Incorporation of systematic maintenance of holdings, participation in the Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek Regensburg (EZB).
Project competition for a language- and learning centre (extension of Division Teaching)



2001

Drawing up of and commitment to the aims for 2005 of the HBI: re-alignment of the training offered (provision of information literacy skills) and development of an information portal

1996 - 2000

*Coordination of the electronic media (e-media) available in the university's network.
Conversion of DOBIS/LIBIS database to ALEPH: Catalogue IDS Zurich University.*

2000

August: First apprentice post "Informations- und Dokumentationsassistent/in", URB 18/2000:
suspension of the supervisory commission HBI, reclassification of organisation table HBI
November: Cocktail reception with music ("Apéro mit Häuserband") (20 years HBI) hübsch a

1999

Head of the HBI named as director, incorporation of the Chemistry and Zoology Library into the HBI,
Division Research (with posts), replacement of Novell network by an NT server
Launch of new website HBI (redesign Verein InterWEB)
Conversion of DOBIS/LIBIS database to ALEPH: Catalogue IDS Zurich University, information
network of the University of Zurich, expansion of the network coordination unit by 2 posts, HBI
organisation table: 14,30 posts

1998

HBI assigned to the Prorector Teaching in the now independent university, incorporation of the
Library for Brain Research into the HBI, Division Research (with posts)
Coordination of the electronic media (e-media) available in the university's network
Completion of diploma by last HBI trainee, first practical training for "Informations- und
Dokumentationsspezialist/in FH"

1997

PPersonnel cuts: no replacement of the last trainee posts and suspension of evening opening hours
in the Division Teaching, after protests evening hours reinstated: opening hours now 60 hours/week
Evaluation and decision for replacement system for DOBIS/LIBIS: ALEPH

1996

Incorporation of the Physics Library into the HBI, Division Research (with posts)



1981 - 1995

Since 1987 the Main Library is a training library.

1989 - Installation of the DOBIS/LIBIS network with all UZI institutes.

1995 - Opening HBI, Division Research: physical and administrative split of the HBI into Division Teaching and Division Research, incorporation of the Biochemistry and Physiology Library into the HBI.

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Launch of the first homepage for the HBI and a separate one for the DOBIS/LIBIS network

4 November: Open day UZI including HBI, Division Research (15 years HBI)

1995

Novell network HBI, trainee program: change to spring start in May.

New function due to post conversion: Head Division Research

1994

New function due to post conversion: PC specialist

1993

Introduction of control of incoming journals on DOBIS/LIBIS

1991

Appointment of network coordinator DOBIS/LIBIS-network, HBI organisation table: 10 posts

Management of an external CD-ROM station in the Vorklinik

1990

CD-ROM databases available to users; new information sheets for the HBI; opening hours now 56 hours/week

4 November: Open day (10 years HBI)

1989

Installation of the DOBIS/LIBIS network with all UZI institutes and first participants of the University of Zurich Centre (UZZ); expansion of the HBI's role to the entire university

CD-ROMs for internal use; new evening opening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays

1988

Start of extension of the old opening hours (41 hours/week) up to 1990; HBI organisation table: 9 Posts



1987

OPAC - available internationally via NUZ; online reservations and querying of user account by users possible; mailing function.

Start of planning for the new "Research Library Irchel" (FBI) and for the expansion of the Strickhofgebäude to become the "Lernzentrum Irchel" (LZI)

New training library: first trainee October

1986

HBI attained institute status with RRB 2407/1986 as an interfaculty institution with its own organisation table (9 posts); appointment of new head (parallel to the supervisory committee): delegated person for the HBI, new function through post conversion; Vice Head of the HBI

1984

Start of online database searching for Irchel institutes

1983

Introduction of the OPAC

1982

Start of cataloguing of the UZI journal titles

1981

Introduction of the acquisitions module of DOBIS/LIBIS: integrated library management system introduced, start of cataloguing of UZI institute holdings



1974 - 1980

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Opening of the Main Library University of Zurich Irchel (HBI)
Lending services with DOBIS/LIBIS

1980

Installation of DOBIS/LIBIS; start of cataloguing with DOBIS/LIBIS
Move into Stickhofgebäude (former 'Kantonale Landwirtschaftliche Schule Strickhof')

1979

RRB 4064/1979: HBI has coordinating function for libraries of the University of Zurich Irchel (UZI) and mandate to build up textbook collections; introduction of a supervisory commission of the HBI

1978

Book acquisitions; cataloguing on catalogue cards

1977

Appointment of first staff members, Main Library University of Zurich Irchel (HBI); part of the Central Management of the University (ZUV)

1974

RRB 6307/1974 regarding the Main Library University of Zurich Irchel (UZI): post as library employee